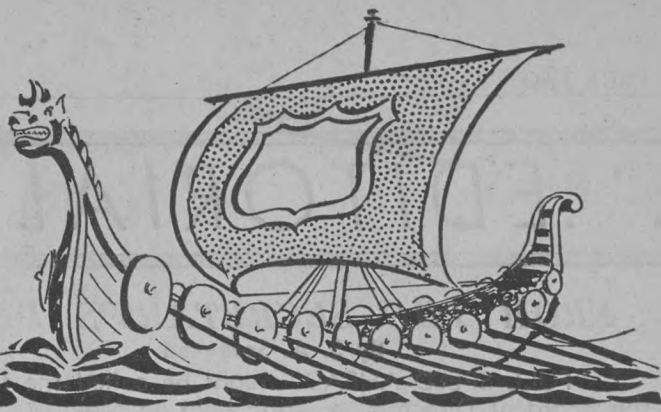


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Professor Herman Tennesen Addresses Sons of Norway NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MAY 17th

By Prof. Herman Tennesen

The following is the text of Prof. Tennesen's address — perhaps the most classic ever heard by Sons of Norway Solylgt Lodge, here in Edmonton.

The first 17th-of-May-Speech of which I can remember anything was given by the beloved old headmaster of my primary-school in Bergen, Norway. "There are no other peoples on earth," he proudly claimed, "who can celebrate the 17th of May as we Norwegians." And all the grown-ups around us laughed maliciously: what a silly old fool! No other country had reasons for commemorating May 17th. It was the national day of Norway, solely. No wonder that we felt inclined to make more out of it! Ha-ha-ha . . . But we kids, we wondered. We did not understand the joke at all. For us — and believe me: I think for our headmaster as well — the 17th of May was not just the name of the seventeenth day of the fifth month of the year. It was the proper name of the most glorious day of the whole year. A holiday higher in rank than even Christmas Eve: Syttendemai. S-Y-T-T-E-N-D-E-M-A-I. In one word. And with capital letters.

True enough, due to an odd coincidence, it always seemed to fall on May 17th — so what? We knew, of course, that in France their Syttendemai fell on the 14th of July. The Americans celebrate on the 4th of the same month. So the date was apparently irrelevant. (We probably even took it for granted that all these Syttendemais were followed, naturally, by an 18th of May. Which, incidentally, also is a proper name in Norwegian. If "proper" is the proper name of that which Attendemai is a name.) So: what was the fun? Our hearts were already hopelessly lost to the old headmaster. Mine is still irrevocably there. In fact, I am going to utilize this opportunity to prove for my fellow-countryman and their Canadian descendants within the range of CKUA that the good old gentleman was not only a man of honour but a man of truth. And: that this is so, regardless of how we choose to interpret him. Let us first interpret him quantitatively, so to speak. Is it not true that Syttendemai is for all and everybody. Have you ever been in Norway on a 17th of May? If you have, you will never forget it. But what is more important: you will not escape this impression wherever you are. You may have sought the most remote, out-of-the-way corner

of Norway you were able to track down. Syttendemai will catch up with you — inexorably.

Not only in Norway. Put your finger anywhere on the globe, and, most likely, you will find Syttendemai — celebrating Norwegians there ashore or afloat. Does it not give you a strange feeling to know that out there, in the day or night according to latitude, your countrymen have come together and let their thoughts wander to this giant wreck in the ocean waste that Norway appears to be when you approach her from the sea. The jubilant shouts, "HURRA FOR SYTTENDEMAI" have thundered like a tidal wave over the entire world — raised symbolically, not by the moon but by the sun. In fact, we may say, without exaggeration, that our national day is more international than any other international day. Finally, nine hours later, the Syttendemai wave will catch up with us here on the Canadian prairies. Let then our thoughts turn to Norway as well. The exhausted tide is ebbing there now. The white flame of the glorious May day is slowly burning out. Only a few glowing sparks remain. But arching over the jubilant crowd is a glittering stream — the snail-train of the sun where it crawls with its golden shell into the mountains. The sky's pale belly is glowing and growing big, ready to receive the festively fizzing, crackling rockets that soon will rise from the earth and change into flowering bouquets . . . Maybe this is what the old man mostly had in mind: Not so much the extent to which we Norwegians celebrate our national day. As the way in which we do it: No military parades. No armored dinosaurs. No threatening thundercloud of bombers and fighters. No display of power, but a pure display of joy and happiness. The climax of our Syttendemai is an endless, multi-coloured, Amazon flood of merry children, gaily dressed, joyously waving their flags to a peaceful family on a white balcony. Yes. Very likely this picture was conjured up before the headmaster's mind's eye when he said: "No nation can celebrate Syttendemai as can we Norwegians."

And again it might have been something entirely different he meant to say. Perhaps it was this: No other nations have so valid reasons for celebrating their national day as have we Norwegians. So let us then look into this as well which are our valid reasons. What do we have for which we may feel

so deeply grateful? First of all: we have roots. We have a place on earth and a people there towards which, at least occasionally — and this is such an occasion — we may feel nostalgic.

God raised a raw and rugged rock in the ocean waste.
He covered with woods the eastern slope;
in west it was lichen-grey.

He sent a storm from the icy pole,
and the land was white of snow.
Thereafter he took the yellow sun
and met the dark with its glow.

There lies this raw and rugged land,
reeking with mist and glare.
But God creates a woman and man;
then seats himself in his chair.
And man displays what wits he can
and builds his dwelling there.

How is it then, we come to see
this raw and rugged rock and its
humble dwellings as a heaven in
our eyes?

Det kjennes sa godt under stovle-
salen,
den skurer mot fuktig grus;
for denne veien er veien hjem,
her ligger sma hjemlige hus.

Gresset er gront som andre steder,
det er ikke mere gront.
Men uten nogen begripelig grunn
er det sa underskjont.

Der star en fisker ved hjellen
og henger op sine garn.
Ungene hans er middels pene,
men de er mine barn!

De star og griner mot solen,
dumme er de vel og.
Matte en god og ufattelig makt
ta hand om dem som er sma!

Underlig er det a kjenne,
at denne saltgra strand
og disse avnagde saubeiter
er blitt mig et hellig land.

Talk of home—
Snow and fir forests
Are home.

From the very first
It is ours.
Before anyone ever said it,
That it is snow and fir forests,
It is here within us,
And there it remains
Always, always.

Yard-deep drifts
Round the dark trees
—That is for us!
Mingled with our own spirit.

VASA GLIMPSES

A surprise party was held at the I.O.O.F. Temple April 22nd, when about 60 friends gathered for a birthday celebration in honor of Mrs. G. Johnson. Helga was greeted with the singing of Happy Birthday, as she entered the hall. The festive table was centered with a decorated birthday cake of red roses. Among the evenings entertainment was a resume of Helga's life by Mrs. W. Modin, which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations were also received from Vancouver, B.C. A beautiful corsage was presented to the honored guest, with a lovely gift of an oil painting "The Three Sisters," the artist being Mrs. H. Krag.

Alma Samuelson is visiting friends in Vancouver, B.C.

all her friends for the wonderful surprise party and kindness shown on her birthday.

Lillian and Mike Collins and family are visiting friends and

Always, always,
If no one sees it,
Snow and fir forests are with us.

Yes, slopes of snow
And trees and trees
As far as we can see
—Wherever we are
We turn to this.

And have a promise within
To come home.
Come home,
Going over there,
Bending the branches
—And feeling with a shiver
What it is to be where you belong.

Always, always,
Till the light is gone
In our inland hearts.

What about the natives, the denizens of these mountains and woods and valleys? Should we by any chance feel fortunate or even proud of our heritage, our human origin and consanguinity?

You all know this anecdote in which one representative of each of the United Nations should write a book on the elephant. The American, of course, wrote on "How to make bigger and better elephants." The Briton set out for a Safari, shot an elephant and published: "How I Shot My First Elephant." The Frenchman spent a day in the zoo and wrote on "L'Elephant et ses Amoures." The German buried himself in the library. The result was a pocket-edition in twelve volumes, "Einleitung zu einer Monographie Uber las Studium des Elephantens." The Swedish was: "The Elephant, A symbol of Swedish neutrality." And so forth. They were all finished on time. The

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relatives in Newfoundland.

Mrs. Helen Riley has been visiting friends and relatives in Edmonton. Nice to see Helen up and around again, even though she is still using crutches.

District Master Margaret Eliasson has been visiting G.C.D. Scandinavian Lodge No. 670 Medicine Hat and Lethbridge Lodge No. 579.

Mrs. Amanda Nelson has been holidaying in Vancouver and Victoria.

Margaret Eliasson has been visiting friends and relatives in Lacombe and Calgary.

Visitors from Edmonton who attended the Calmar Smorgasbord on April 26th were Margaret and Mons Eliasson, Hansine and Eric Pierre, Emma and Harold Krag, Linnea Lodge, Mary Pearson, Verna Kvarnberg, Evelyn and Willard Modin and Ellen Westling. They enjoyed a delicious meal and a Helga Johnson wishes to thank superb variety program of entertainment.

Jo Ann Goddard, bride elect of Roger Ogren, was feted at a miscellaneous shower on May 8th in the home of Mrs. Mary Kimenius. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Leona Rivard, Mrs. Paula Lindberg and Mrs. Bernice Pearson. Mrs. Minnie Markstrom, Mrs. Helga Johnson, Mrs. Evelyn Modin, Mrs. Bernice Pearson and Mrs. Irma McMaster were also hostesses at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Minnie Markstrom on May 15th. The wedding will take place on June 1st in Grace United Church.

Ladies Auxiliary

The last Vasa Ladies meeting of the season was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lodge on the 11th day of May. Raffle of a hand made quilt was planned for the fall. A Strawberry Tea is to be held at Vasa Park on Sunday, July 7th. No meetings will be held now until September. Many thanks are extended to the gentleman who brought Nabob coupons to Mrs. H. Krag last fall. The ladies would like to know which Club or Lodge he belongs to or was this just a private donation. Please contact Mrs. Krag at GL 4-3424.

Past President's Club

The Past President's Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bergquist on Sunday, April 7th. Election of officers were as follows: Chairman, Julius Hober; Secretary, Ed Bergquist; Treasurer, Magnus Pearson; Alternate Officer, Eric Pierre; Auditors, Gust Johnson, Knut Engstrom, Eric Engvall.

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By S. A. Sorenson

"FULL SPEED AHEAD" might be called the theme of the Board of Directors' meeting held on May 14, 1963, at the office of Sorenson Assurance Service, 600 McLeod Building.

SHAREHOLDERS ASKED TO APPROVE CENTRE PLANS

S. J. Johnson, Director of Planning, indicated to the Board of Directors that final plans and costs will be ready to submit for approval to the shareholders on June 25, 1963.

Planning the future Centre is a very important phase in the history of the Scandinavian Centre Association. All shareholders should feel free to submit any ideas to S. J. Johnson, 7939 - 92 Avenue. In order that all may become familiar with the proposed plans and make suggestions, the Planning Director is calling a meeting of the Directors and the Architect, Dr. Minsos, followed by a meeting with the Scandinavian Committee, which in turn will be followed by a meeting of all shareholders on June 25, 1963.

I cannot emphasize too strongly that if you have any ideas that will make a better Scandinavian Centre, now is the time to act! We need ideas that will make the Centre truly Scandinavian, e.g. — the Finnish Sauna Bath; a Scandinavian Library; a Salon for each country; designing of suitable accommodation for "Danish Gymnasts"; perhaps a Smorgasbord restaurant; and so on. Having a distinctive SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE will make it an attraction, not only for Scandinavians, but for the Edmonton Community as well as tourists.

Yes, we want a Centre with a dignified design, which will truly be a fitting memorial to our forefathers who contributed so much to the pioneering and development of this Canada of ours.

THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE WILL ENTER FLOAT

The Exhibition Association is again featuring "Klondike Days" as the theme of this year's exhibition. Once again we will make our contribution by entering a float in Edmonton's annual colorful Parade, this year on July 15th. Mr. K. L. Svidal has again consented to be the designer, and Mr. G. A. Larson has again consented to assist in the construction.

THE EXHIBITION BOOTH STILL A QUESTION MARK:

The Directors feel that we are missing a good bet by not having an exhibition booth. The Board decided that a booth would be continued if a **manager** could be found. Is there any shareholder who would like to make this HIS project this year? If so, let Don Shaw, the Social Director, or your Secretary, S. A. Sorenson, know immediately.

Responsibility to secure a manager was left in the hands of Mr. Shaw. It was suggested that he might advertise in The News, OR call a meeting of the Scandinavian Committees.

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN DAY SET FOR JULY 28

This is the day when Scandinavians from far and near gather at Elk Island Park to renew acquaintances, to hear Scandinavian talent from the open-air band-shell, to participate in sports of various kinds . . . races, handball, horse-shoes, etc. All inquiries should be directed to our Social Activities Director, Mr. Don Shaw, 15105 - 77 Avenue, Phone HU 9-8260.

ICELANDIC SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. W. Arason and daughters Carole and Beverly spent six weeks vacationing in Europe recently. Mrs. Arason visited relations in England then travelled on to Scotland, Denmark and Sweden.

Sgt. Doug Janssen has won an Air Cadet Scholarship which entitles him to a course at Namao leading to his being granted a pilot's license. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Janssen and is attending high school in Jasper Place.

Mr. Jack Lavery recuperated from surgery when he and Mrs. Lavery vacationed for three weeks in California this spring, the guests of Mrs. Lavery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hjalmarsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell motored to Vancouver via the northern route. They were joined at Dawson Creek by Mrs. A. Palsson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hordal of Yellowknife holidayed in Edmonton and Calgary. Ed also spent a week in Winnipeg visiting relations and friends, while his wife Mary stayed in St. Albert as the guest of her

mother.

Cam and Freda Smith visited Howard and Edna Garnett while holidaying at the coast. Howard and Edna have a lovely home at Sooke, twenty miles from Victoria.

We have had some excellent donations of Nabob coupons. Shirley Thorvaldson reports that she now has over 200 coupons but 5,500 are needed to buy a coffee urn — so keep sending them in ladies.

Miss Rose Thorvaldson of Winnipeg stopped over for a short visit at Edmonton, on her way to Vancouver. Her hosts in Edmonton were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorvaldson. Rose is employed by TCA and while enjoying a week's vacation visited in London, England, Montreal, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Mrs. Belle Hogan of Aldergrove, B.C. is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Al Arnason.

A general meeting was held at Thorvaldson's on May 15th. Earl Valgardson was elected treasurer,

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only procrastinator was the Norwegian. The topic apparently did not appeal to him. Finally he managed to pull himself together. Three o'clock in the morning he went up to his attic with pen and paper and a bottle of Aquavit. The same morning he presented a manuscript — a work of genius, naturally — entitled "On Norway and the Norwegians." He had completely forgotten about the elephant!

All right, all right, so we are self-centered, self-conscious, we Norwegians. We boost and brag. But quite frankly (and, of course, between us country-men only): **haven't we got bigger and better reasons?** I mean to say, just think of it: We are a tiny minority group in the world society of nations. Our entire population does not amount to more than that of the San Francisco Bay area. And nevertheless, well, you know: Abel, Ibsen, Grieg, Undset, Hamsun, Hansen, Amundsen, Heyerdahl — one might even have mentioned **Leiv Erikson**. But he merely discovered America, as you know. Hardly a challenge at all to a Norwegian sailor, of course.

At any rate, we are fortunate people, we Norwegians. That is obvious. Not only for Vinje's reasons: "Stor arv det er for manden av godfolk vera fodd." But for many, many other reasons: To be sure, we are a minority group in the world's society. Indeed we are. But not an **outgroup**. Not anywhere. On the contrary: Everybody wants to patronize us, colonize us, eulogize, lionize and canonize us —. If not for other reasons, so as Hitler, for the sake of our fair hair and blue eyes. Of course: we mustn't let it make us conceited. We know that it takes all sorts to make a world. After all, shouldn't we the true descendants of Askeladden, more than any others be able to identify with underdogs? Side with the outcasts? Like Gjest Bardsen: Steal from the rich and give to the poor and thus restore justice on earth.

Vi bygget landet vart med lov.
Vi skydde logn, vi domte rov;
av dette er vi preget.
Blandt nordmenn taltes ikke svik.
Mitt folk, det gjør mig varm og rik
a kalle dig mitt eget!
Rettsindig, aerekjaer og sto,
slik skal du leve — eller do!
O Norge, du mitt fedreland,
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replacing Bill Bachmann, and Mickey Shaw was elected phone convener, replacing Inga Bachmann.

General plans for the picnic were dealt with and details will be worked out at a later meeting. Gunnar Thorvaldson read a story from The Icelandic Canadian called "Iceland Visit" by Helgi Olsen. This was an excellent account of Mr and Mrs. Olsen's visit to Iceland last summer.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarladason, who are going to Iceland June 9th for three weeks, were presented with a small gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Eyford left Hay River, N.W.T. when the flood began and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Art Arnfinnson of Edmonton. They are now back in Hay River to check their belongings. We hope that their losses are not too great.

Annual Picnic

Please take note that the picnic will be held at BORDEN PARK this year, not Victoria Park. Borden Park is south of the Exhibition Grounds. There will be ice cream, orange crush and games for everyone. Coffee will be available, but you are reminded to bring your own cup along with your lunch.

Meet The Danish Artist

Scandinavian modern art in its many expressions — furniture, textiles, porcelain, crystal, wood, ceramics, silver, toys and so on — has won itself many admirers and supporters in Canada during the recent years. Only a short ten years ago, Scandinavian art was relatively unknown on this continent but then, suddenly, its breakthrough was fast and now it is becoming a household word.

Scandinavian Airlines System, which operates the well-known "People-To-People" program, introduced to Canadians to enable them to meet their opposite number in Scandinavia, whether he be a tinker or a tailor, has now taken another step in this direction and now offers a chance of meeting a Scandinavian artist in his home and studio. SAS has made arrangements with Gudrun E. Harder in Denmark who will take tourists to meet the Danish artists at work.

According to SAS Public Relations Department this is not a tour but a visit to two or three studios during an afternoon between 2:30 and 6. The groups of visitors are limited to six and the fee is 21 Danish Kronor per head — approximately \$4.00 — which covers transportation costs, whether it is a cab, bus or train.

Scandinavian art is now known all over the world and it will be a thrill to meet the people who actually create it, to talk with them, see them work and watch new art in the process of being created. Just mention this to your travel agent or to your nearest SAS office while making your reservations and you are in for an experience of a lifetime. The artist you will meet, may be a world-famous one or he may be a rising star. Whatever the case is, the visit will open entirely new visits to you and will help you understand better the new modern trends in this new and modern art.

Expanding Thai Flight Kitchen

If srisuriyothai is your dish — or shark fins and century-old eggs — the Thai Flight Kitchen is the place that can fix you up.

Set up three years ago, when THAI International was formed by Scandinavian Airlines System and Thai Airways Company, the Flight Kitchen has expanded even more rapidly than the new airline, which today serves 11 key cities of the Orient.

Srisuriyothai — a beef roulade stuffed with pineapple, onions and curry — is one of the favorites on THAI International's "Royal Orchid" flights.

But the Flight Kitchen — situated at Bangkok's Don Muang Airport — supplies not only authentic Oriental food. The chefs are equally expert at European cooking, or a tantalizing blend of both.

Chief of the Catering Division is Bengt Engevik, a Swede. The staff numbers three more Scandinavians and over a hundred employees of Thai nationality.

The equipment at their disposal — stoves, ovens, freezing units and so forth — consists of the latest and most advanced models on the market.

But some of the ingredients might give pause to European chefs.

They include bamboo shoots and tender beef from Chiangmai, shark

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Scientists To Explore Spitsbergen

Norwegian Polar Institute plans to send some 15 groups of researchers to Spitsbergen this summer to make scientific observations in various parts of that archipelago next door to the North Pole. The 50 odd explorers will have two vessels and one helicopter at their disposal.

Besides large-scale topographic mapping of coal deposits in the Advent Valley, scientists will try out the Hi-Fix electronic surveying system. Facilitating accurate determination of positions, Hi-Fix will be used to initiate systematic soundings of waters between Bear Island and Spitsbergen as far north as the sea ice permits.

The main expedition vessel, "Signalhorn," as well as another sealer, will be used for the deep-sea hydrographic surveys. The helicopter will give geologists and topographers greater mobility to cover the vast region they plan to explore.

fins, live turtles and pla kapong (red snapper to you) out of the South Seas, Chinese dried mushrooms and hundred-year-old eggs.

In a single month, the Thai Flight Kitchen uses 27,000 eggs, 3,000 chickens and four tons of fruit — mangoes, pineapples and bananas from the land which produces some of the most succulent tropical fruit in the world.

Out of these and other ingredients, the Flight Kitchen prepares 25,000 meals a month.

The kitchen was originally mentioned to cater THAI International SAS and Swissair flights.

Subsequent expansions have enabled the Thai Flight Kitchen to provide catering facilities also for Cathay Pacific Airways and Malayan Airways — which recently entered into an extensive co-operative agreement with THAI International — as well as eight other European and Asian airlines regularly serving Bangkok.

SONS OF NORWAY JUBILEE



The group picture reading left to right back row: Past President, Mr. K. Amdam; President, Mr. P. Sather; Fourth District Past President, Mr. S. Sorenson. Front row: Mrs. K. Amdam, Mrs. P. Sather and Mrs. S. Sorenson.

Solglyt Commemorates 50th Year

The Jubilee weekend celebrations of Solglyt Lodge opened Saturday night April 20, with an anniversary dinner for Executive members, at the Devlin Restaurant. This preceded initiation of five new members, Mr. and Mrs. I. Venoason, Mr. and Mrs. A. Berg, Miss Merdell Bradford, and the transfer of two members from the Junior Lodge, Allen Sather and Gary Johnson. The drill team added a colorful note to the ceremonies. This was followed by a dance where members and friends enjoyed the music of "Chuck" Albinson. A smorgasbord wound up the evening's festivities.

The official celebration took place on Sunday, April 21, with a Coffee Party and Open House at the Masonic Temple. Guests were seated at tables decorated with spring bouquets, tapers and Norwegian flags. Seated at the head table were the Minister of Education, Hon. A. O. Aalborg, and Mrs. Aalborg; Dr. M. Weinlos, city alderman; Norwegian Consul, Mr. A. Johannessen; President, Mr. P. Sather, and Mrs. Sather; Past President, Mr. K. Amdam and Mr. and Mrs. S. Sorenson.

Throughout the luncheon guests were entertained with speeches and musical numbers. Featured on the musical program were Kenny Stromberg who rendered a violin solo; Olaf Sveen who gave an accordion selection; Anita Searl who rendered a vocal solo with Elaine Baziuk accompanying at the piano; and a selection by the Olson School of Music.

Highlighting the program was

Grand Master To Attend Convention

The bi-annual convention of District Alberta Lodge No. 18 Vasa Order of America is to be held in Lethbridge on June 29th and 30th. We will be honored with the presence of Grand Master Nels Johnson of Massachusetts, U.S.A. Delegates from Skandia Lodge No. 549 will be Harold Markstrom, Sig Johnson, Don Johnson, Julius Hober, and Linnea Lodge. Alternate delegates are Betty Pearson and Hansne Pierre. Any members of Vasa Order wishing to attend are welcome as visitors.

the presentation by Mr. K. Svidal of a 50 year pin and Honorary membership card to charter member, Mr. Knut Storheim. Mr. K. Amdam presented bowling trophies to winners in the Junior Bowling League. The award winning team was that of Harry Mjaatveit, with Deloras Didier, Dennis Bukvi and Earl Hill. Arlene Amdam captured a trophy for winning the girls' high single, high triple and high average. The winner of the boys' trophy was Norman Dick. Bonnie Loughlin and Arlene Amdam each received a trophy for perfect attendance.

Serving at the silver coffee urns were Mrs. E. Loveseth, Mrs. J. Faltinson, Mrs. K. Svidal, Mrs. S. Sorenson, Mrs. J. Lineham and Mrs. M. MacDonald. Mrs. R. Arntzen and Miss Ruth Hammerstad attended the guest book. Table decorations were done by Mrs. N. Naversteth and the auditorium by K. Svidal.

Many thanks go to all who contributed food so generously, and to Mrs. Mary Gulbrandson who donated a lovely anniversary cake. Also special thanks to the girls of the Junior Lodge and others who helped in the serving.

June At Augustana

The annual congregational picnic of Augustana Lutheran Church will be held at Victoria Park on June 2. A picnic meal, fellowship and games for young and old will be the order for the afternoon.

That morning at the 11 a.m. worship service, Pastor Herb Keil will conduct the service and preach. Pastor Keil is chaplain to Lutheran Students on the University of Alberta Campus. June the 2nd is Pentecost Sunday this year. Holy Communion will be part of the service.

June 7th will be the occasion for Pastor Donald Sjoberg to return to preach in the parish that he formerly served. Pastor Sjoberg is currently Regional Secretary of Home Missions in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. June 9th is Trinity Sunday.

In addition to the regular Sunday morning worship services throughout June, "make up services" will be held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. beginning June 19. Through this program, Augustana is seeking to provide worship opportunities for those out of town on the week ends.

An evening of special interest to all will be Sunda, June 16. At that time, the Churchmen are sponsoring the presentation of Dr. John Montgomery's paper: "The Place of Conversion In The Life of A Christian." Professor Montgomery teaches at Waterloo Lutheran University in Waterloo, Ontario. He is a student of history and classic languages. The paper will be read and explained by Pastor Linquist. Discussion of its contents will follow.

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Dance to Elgstrands Orchestra from 8 to 12

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PASSENGERS and FRIENDS WELCOME!

CANCELLATION

Our proposed Charter Flight for August 6th to September 15th did not get enough support up to this date and the Directors at the last meeting, decided to cancel at this time to give the passengers enough time to make other arrangements for their holiday.

P. N. Christensen.

CHRISTMAS SCANDINAVIA FLIGHT

for members of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited

Applications are now being taken for a Christmas Charter Flight to leave Edmonton on or about December 21, 1963 and returning January 27, 1964. A deposit of \$100.00 on a return fare of \$350.00 is required.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

The annual booster and bowlers night held at the Orange Hall, Calgary, May 4, found Edmonton well represented; thirty-eight bowlers and lodge fans went by chartered bus and car. Calgary again won the trophy.

Requesting Nabob Coupons

Would all the ladies of the Scandinavian Centre please save their Nabob coupons, as these will go towards purchasing coffee urns for the Scandinavian Centre. Mrs. Mary Rikstad has kindly offered to accept the coupons; her phone number is 466-7917.

Personal

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen. We are hoping to see as good an attendance again in the fall.

Mrs. Mary Rikstad spent five days recently at her home at Canmore, with her father, who at the time of writing is quite ill.

Rowland Johnson has returned home from Oshawa, Ontario, where he was taking an instructor's course with General Motors of Canada.

A child's ring was found at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, April 21. Owner may have it returned by phoning GL 5-1683 and describing the ring.

Anyone wanting pictures that were taken at the Masonic Temple on the anniversary date, April 21, may order them by phoning GL 5-1683.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holten had as recent visitors, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Galingan and their 3 girls from Kelowna, B.C.

Miss Betty McKevitt spent Easter holidays at Vancouver, B.C.

Sunray Junior Lodge

Sunray Junior Lodge had an attendance of about 18 members at the May 8 meeting. They have made plans for the coming picnic in June. This was their last meeting until next fall.

Annual Picnic June 23

Vasa Lodge Skandia held their May 4th meeting in the I.O.O.F. Temple. The Drill Team assisted in the initiating of the following new members into the Lodge: Larry and Elsie Comin, and Art and Jean Hougan.

Children's camp week will be held July 7th to the 14th. Winnie Pearson and Jean Anderson are heading the camp this year and may be contacted at GL 5-5608. Volunteers for camp week would be greatly appreciated.

The annual picnic will be held on June 23rd at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake. Young members of the Lodge will be serving a cold plate lunch from 12 to 2 p.m. Proceeds from this lunch will be used to build a new tennis court at the lake. Please help out the young people in this effort.

A work bee was organized and the main cabin was wired for electricity.

The June meeting will be held at Vasa Park on June 1st at 8 p.m. The July, August and September meetings will also be held at Vasa Park.

DANIA RAMBLINGS

June is here again and it is time for our annual Sct. Hansfest. This year we have a new place to celebrate this evening, and we hope to see as many turn up as usual for this. It will be at the Wye Hall — just go out Highway 14, then 5 miles east from Sherwood Park sign. We will have to hold this on Saturday, June 22nd as Sct. Hans is a Sunday this year. You will be able to purchase your coffee, hot dogs, soft drinks, etc., from the ladies of "Bikuben". After dark we will have a "Svingom" and of course we will have our traditional bonfire. Hope to see you on Saturday, June 22nd, remember this date.

Mark your calendar on Sunday, July 7th then "Dania" will like to see you all come out for a picnic and fishing trip, the place will be announced in the next issue of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crummer, Ardrossan, wish to express sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received during their recent bereavement.

We want to extend a hearty greeting to all those that are taking advantage of the chartered flight to visit friends and relatives in their old land and hope they will have a very enjoyable time.

Mothers Honored At Children's Concert

The children held their end of the season concert on April 21st. They put on an enjoyable concert for their parents and friends, which included also a class in Swedish showing how they had progressed in Swedish lessons during the season.

Corsages were presented to the oldest mother — Svea Erickson and youngest mother — Doreen Hicks. Cigars were given to the oldest father — Albert Winquist and youngest father — Leonard Eliasson. A diaper changing contest ended in a close tie between Roger Sund, Ed Hicks and Glen Eliasson, who all received cigars.

Many thanks to the children's executive who did such a wonderful job over the past season.

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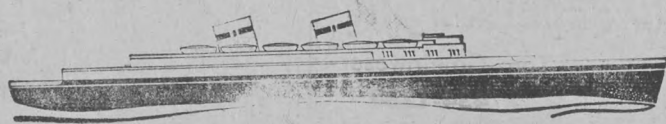
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To provide treatment for rheumatics, the Association now has nine cars which carry a full line of physio-therapy equipment, with a licensed therapist at the wheel. This year, the 8,000-member Association and its 24 local branches hope to raise enough money to buy one more physio-therapy car. Rheumatics are treated partly at temporary centers throughout the country and partly in their homes.

Besides its mobile therapy service, the Association operates a physio-therapy institute at Kirkness, in Norway's northernmost province. Branches in the North Norway provinces of Troms and Finnmark have procured therapy equipment for hospitals in the towns of Narvki, Vardo and Vadsø.

District Meeting Held

District executive meeting of Vasa Lodge was held on April 21st at the home of Vice-District Master E. Olsson, in Calgary, Alberta.

Members of the executive board and visitors from Edmonton were Margaret Eliasson, Magnus Pearson, Margaret and Eric Engvall, Hansine and Eric Pierre, Linnea Lodge and Ruth Shaw.

During the afternoon visitors attended a bowling tournament between Lethbridge and Calgary lodges, with Calgary coming out on top. A very enjoyable, entertaining evening was had by all at the bowling banquet.

Nearly 3,000 folk dancers from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and the Faroes are expected to participate in the 20th Nordic Rural Youth Rally, to be held in Oslo, Norway, June 28-30.

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min gronne dal, min saltgra strand
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— i fredens tid gav du mig brod,
sa la mig dele og din nod;
nu vet jeg hvad det gjelder!
Jeg vet, at dete land er mitt,
og dette folk skal vaere fritt!

If there is anything we Norwegians know how to appreciate on earth — that thing is freedom, liberty, independence. So here you see we have slyly saved for our conclusion, the obviously most plausible interpretation of the old headmaster's remark: the 17th day of May, as everybody knows, is first and foremost a day of freedom and independence. What the old gentleman wanted to say was probably this: **No other nations have better reasons to celebrate freedom and independence than have we Norwegians.**

I remember Syttendemai, 1940 in a German prison-camp. An Oberfeldwebel tried to make us sing "Javielsker" so fast that we could march to it. But he soon gave up and reported laconically to his colonel: "The Norwegians cannot march, not even on their national day. And they are proud of it!"

It was the same syttendemai to which Nordahl Grieg wrote:

Bare today is the flagstaff
Where Eidsvoll's trees show green,
But never as now have we fathomed
What the blessings of freedom mean.

A song through the land is swelling,
Of victory's hour it spoke,
Though only be closed lips whispered
Under the foreign yoke.

A faith has been born within us.
Freedom and life, we find,
Are one, by a need as simple
As breathing to human kind.

Det fodtes i oss en visshet:
Frihet og liv er ett

sa enkelt, sa uunnv aelig
som menneskets andedrett

Naturally, Freedom becomes dearer to peoples who have so completely lost and so completely regained their freedom and independence as we have. But again it goes without saying that syttendemai will never be a day where we Norwegians are merely wallowing in the pleasant jelly of our own recovered freedom and happiness. It will be a day devoted to those who still feel the menace of bondage and gasp in a stifling throe. Like men in a sunken U-boat, **We won't let them perish so!**

Du skal ikke tale
sa inderlig vel
den urett som ikke
rammer deg selv.

Syttendemai is for all to such an extent that in the end it's principal aim assumes the shape of an untiring effort in the cause of freedom and independence for all the peoples on earth who — for external or internal reasons — are not capable of celebrating Syttendemai as we Norwegians so heartily are. —Hence our paradoxical conclusion reads: On the one side the grand old headmaster was right however we interpret his maxim: "No other nation can celebrate its Syttendemai

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Smiles

Small boy: "I am not afraid of going to hte hospital, mother. I'll be brave, but I ain't going to let them push off a baby on me like they did you. I want a pup."

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SPORTS CORNER

Bowling Trophies Awarded

Sons of Norway Bowlers concluded their 1962-63 season with a banquet, presentation of trophies and dance, on Saturday, May 11, at the Highway Motor Hotel.

The presentation of trophies was made as follows.

Ladies' high average — Betty McKevitt, 207.

Men's high average B Ole Borgeresen, 200.

Ladies' high single — Kay McKevitt, 335.

Men's high single — Peter Hansen, 359.

Ladies' high triple — Inger Borgersen, 744.

Men's High Triple — Norman Nilsen, 779.

Spare high single — Harry Mjaatveit, 304.

Spare high triple — Gary Johnson, 619.

Ladies' low score — Muriel Meier.

Men's low score — Henry Logan.

Team champions — Norsemens, with Andy Mjaatveit, Shirley Larson, Emeth Clark, Inger Borgeresen and Ruth Logan. Second place team — Vikings, with Vic Larson, Muriel Meier, Mary Gulbrandsen, Henry Logan and Norman Nilsen.

Team high single game — Odins, with Peter Hansen, Kay McKevitt, Arnold Mjaatveit, Roger Logan and Edith Johnson.

Lodge president, Peter Sather, presented the Lodge trophies for high average.

The dance music was supplied by "Chuck" Albinson. Ruth Logan will again be secretary and Andy Mjaatveit, president of the bowling club for the 1963-64 season.

Ruth Logan received a gift, a lace luncheon cloth, from the bowlers for her work as secretary.

FINNISH SOCIETY NOTES

A house warming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. V. Ristola. Best wishes in your new home. The address of their new home is 13013 - 82 Street.

Mr. E. Marjamaa was in Edmonton on holidays recently.

The last dance of the season was held on May 11. A good time was had by all. We look forward to seeing everybody at the Annual Juhannus Kokko which will be held at Kildeer Beach, Lac La Nonne, in June.

Mr. U. Leino recently returned from his trip to Finland.

"Smorgasbords" Victorious

The annual Vasa bowling banquet was held on May 3rd in the Pad-dock Restaurant. After a Smorgas-bord dinner trophies were presented to the top teams.

Leonard Eliassons "Smorgas-bords" received 1st place trophies and were presented also with the Vasa Lodge trophy by president of the Lodge, Sig Johnson. Team members were: Leonard Eliasson, Matt Eliasson, Glen Eliasson, Audrey Eliasson and Mary Pearson.

Second place trophies were presented to Knut Engstrom's "Vik-ings," whose members were: Knut Engstrom, Helen Engstrom, Ray Nyroos, Doreen Nyroos and Magnus Pearson. Eric Pierre's "Smorgas-bords" were in third place, and together with the remaining teams received "Crying Towels."

Highest average trophies were presented to Matilda Eliasson for the ladies and Gordon Pearson for the men.

Election of officers was held for the coming year with Gordon and Shirley Pearson as new executive.

Jack Dennison gave an amusing talented hour of entertainment, which was followed by music and dancing to end an enjoyable evening.

Blind Leading The Blind

The opponents of a decent medical aid bill for senior citizens are advancing some mighty complicated arguments to back up their position.

The way we interpret their ideas, they are all for medical aid for retirees provided they don't need it, and if they do need it they can pay for it themselves.

Sort of brings to mind the father out walking with his son.

"Dad," asked the boy, "how does electricity travel through wires?"

"Darned if I know, son," replied the dad. "Never did know much about electricity."

"Well, what makes thunder and lightning?" continued the son.

"Can't rightly say. Weather's out of my line too."

The son was silent for awhile. Then he started again. "Dad, what makes . . . oh, never mind."

"No, no, son," admonished the father. "Ask questions; ask lots of them. How else are you going to learn?"

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as can we Norwegians." On the other hand: This is only the case in so far as our main incentive is the hope and firm belief that some day the old gentleman from his heavenly position will observe that he is no longer right! That the time will come when he may truthfully say: "Today all peoples, all nations can celebrate their Syttendemai as well as we Norwegians. When every mortal soul in the entire world, enjoys and solemnizes a full and unlimited external and internal freedom and independence, then, indeed, Syttendemai has become Syttendemai for all. With this hope at heart I turn to the sybol of Syttendemai, our flag and chime in with Overland:

Se:
Det hvite er fjellenes sne!
Det bla er vart veldige hav
og den utferdslengsel, det gav!
Det rode er hjerts blod!
Men alt er den hellige flammen,
som holder folket vart sarmen:
var enhet, var kraft og var tro!

La flaget sla som en vinge
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